

THE YAQUI PROBLEM.

The New Government Working for a Satisfactory Settlement.

The Yaqui situation is causing the new provisional government of Sonora some apprehension, but it is not near so serious as has been represented by some of the sensational newspaper correspondents for the American press. As stated in THE OASIS two or three weeks ago, the Indians made demand for restitution of certain lands. The government quieted them by an issue of provisions and clothing and a promise to do everything possible for them. Provisional President de la Barra and Francisco I. Madero were communicated with and informed of the gravity of the situation by Provisional Vice Governor Gayou, at Hermosillo. Those two eminent gentlemen returned reply to deal justly with the Indians and avoid bloodshed. Saturday two weeks ago a party of Yaquis went into Guaymas and had a conference with Provisional Governor Maytorena, who had sent to Cruz de Piedra station for their band, which is in the Bacate mountains two carloads of provisions and supplies. The conference resulted with selection of a committee of three from among the Indians which has gone to the City of Mexico to lay their case before President de la Barra; and it is hoped their visit to the federal capital will result in an amicable settlement of the entire question.

From the City of Mexico it is reported that all of those yet living who were deported to Yucatan and elsewhere in Mexico will be returned by the government to Sonora and given lands.

There is no doubt that there are at work among the Yaquis sinister influences hoping to create trouble. A well known gentleman living in Hermosillo, informed THE OASIS editor that he overheard a man talking with a Yaqui, to whom he told that there had been a new deal by which everything was wiped out and all could start anew: if he owed anything he would not have to pay the debt. The Yaqui seemed incredulous, and his informant insisted he was telling the truth. At that point the gentleman relating the incident stepped in, rebuked the mischief maker, and gave the Yaqui the truth of the matter—that if he is in debt the obligation is valid and will continue so until the debt is paid, notwithstanding the change in government. It is such people as the one mentioned who are stirring up the Indians. Upon the other hand another kind of men grasp all sorts of alarming rumors, magnify them and spread them broadcast. In that category are the border correspondents of American newspapers.

A Midnight Marauder.

During the week the people of Nogales have been exercised and alarmed by the performance of a midnight prowler who has entered one house and is believed to have been heard in several more. Mon-

day night, after 1:30 in the morning of Tuesday, Mrs. H. W. Kelty, who rooms at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Reddoch, in the Noon Addition, (the lady had been awake with a sick child until 1:30) was awakened by that undefinable feeling that people have under such circumstances, that there was someone or something in her room that did not belong there. She reached out her hand in the dark and it came in contact with another hand, which she grasped for a second, and which she describes as a soft, slimy hand, but which was wrested from her grasp, and then the party, whoever he was, made a rush for the door and away from the premises. Mrs. Kelty gave an alarm instant, but the miscreant made so good time that before anyone could go to her room he had got far away. Others in the neighborhood think that there had been a similar invasion of their own premises, but they did not get evidence so strong as that experienced by Mrs. Kelty.

Declares For Tombstone Favorite.

[Tucson Star.]

Yesterday a reporter of the Star had a little chat with W. B. Cleary while the latter was at Tucson.

After going over the political situation casually, the reporter inquired who was likely to be the first senator of Arizona from the south, assuming that one will be drawn from the southern and the other from the northern part of the state to be. "Col. Pickett of Tombstone" came the prompt and unhesitating reply. "He puts his nomination up to the people, he favors popular elections of senators and has so declared himself. Cochise county will favor him and I believe he will go to the United States Senate. Personally I can say unhesitatingly, I am a Pickett man. He is a consistent promoter of Arizona's interests and he can and does command the confidence of the people. He will tell exactly where he stands on all issues and make his campaign upon popular issues."

From the Canille Region.

Monday Nogales was visited by Messrs. Perry J. Wilson and T. B. Titus from the Canille country, in the northeastern part of the county on the west slope of the Hauchuca mountains, the two gentlemen coming to the county seat to make land filings, Mr. Wilson within the forest reserve, a tract which had been released to entry with the gentleman as preferred entryman, and Mr. Titus on land outside of the reserve.

The two gentlemen reported everything looking well in their part of the county, which has been visited recently by several showers. They stated a much larger acreage had been planted in corn than heretofore, and a good crop is anticipated.

Mr. Wilson has been appointed crop reporter for the Department of Agriculture at Washington, having received recently notice of his appointment for the vicinity of his residence.

DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.

A Celebrated Church in Guadalajara in Ruins.

[Guadalajara Times]

With a crash that awoke sleeping persons for blocks around, the immense dome on the west side of the San Francisco church building, fronting Aranzazu street, collapsed Friday at midnight, breaking down the arched roof over the ancient Santo Cenaculo chapel, destroying the stately altar and thousands of dollars worth of paraphernalia and statues of saints in the interior of the chapel and filling the street with tons of debris. Electric light and telephone wires were thrown down in confusion on Plazuela de la Estacion and loss of life was avoided only because of the absence of passers by at that hour. The immediate cause of the collapse was a slight earthquake, which lasted a fraction of a minute. The dome was badly damaged by the heavy quake of Wednesday, June 7th, and traffic had been diverted away from the side of the old temple through Aranzazu park for several days. The loss is irreparable, but it is possible that the church will reconstruct the ruin.

San Francisco church, facing San Francisco garden on the corner of San Francisco and Nuevo Mundo streets, is one of the quaint landmarks of the city. The old Baroque facade and the elaborate carved portal are good examples of early Spanish craftsmanship. The dome that fell was one of the twin cupolas erected by the Franciscan friars about the close of the Sixteenth century. The building dates from 1550, and is one of the oldest religious foundations in Western Mexico. The rusty towers with their clinging vegetation, the rendezvous of many pigeons which nest in the crannies and preen themselves on the sunlit corners, are strangely out of keeping with the modern aspect of the streets below. The bell towers are crumbling to decay and the thin complaining notes of the one time melodious bells sound like prophetic voices from the shadowy past. A conspicuous feature of the interior is a remarkably life like polychrome figure of the Christ crucified, which haunts the mind by its ghastliness.

The property of the Franciscan order of priesthood once extended from Avenue Colon east to the San Juan river, along both sides of what now is Nuevo Mundo street. The block surrounding the old house of worship was used as barracks for soldiers from its confiscation in the War of Reform in 1857 until 1900, when it was subdivided and sold at auction, being now covered by some of the largest business buildings and homes in the city.

Prostrated by Overwork.

Upon the train which arrived from Guaymas Saturday morning there were three passengers, en route to their home, in Pasadena, California, who were of more than passing interest. They were Doctor P. Priestly Osborn, a medical

gentleman, practicing in Los Angeles, his brother, Mr. Pingree Osburn, and their mother, Mrs. Osburn. Mr. Pingree Osburn is a young scientist attached to the S. S. Albatross, which sails the scientific expedition of the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, which visited the Gulf of California some months ago, exploring Tiburon and other islands, the shores adjacent and the waters of the Gulf. There was some work of investigation remaining to be done when the expedition was ready to leave the Gulf for Alaskan waters, where the Albatross is now, and Mr. Osborn was left behind to complete the same, staying at the Isla San Jose, down the gulf, near La Paz. There, through exposure and overwork the young man was prostrated with a fever, which brought on a cardiac weakness which nearly terminated his existence. He was taken to La Paz and there communication was had with his mother and brother in California, who hastened to Guaymas to reach him. As soon as possible he was taken to Guaymas, and his mother and brother were bringing him out when they passed Nogales Saturday last. The condition of the young man, who is only twenty-one, was much improved, and it is thought that when he reaches home his complete recovery will be speedy and permanent.

Mr. Osburn is one of the youngest members of the Albatross expedition, and never before has work so important as that he had in hand been entrusted to one so young. For the sake of the work in which he is engaged it is to be hoped that his recovery will be speedy and complete.

"A Bulletless Sixshooter."

H. H. Fris, the blond circulator for the El Paso Herald, who frequently visits Lordsburg, was awakened at his home in El Paso, Sunday night, by a noise outside the house. He went to the window to investigate, and found a man was burglarizing his wood pile. Mr. Fris has not lived in El Paso long, being a recent arrival from a civilized community, and has not acquired the sixshooter habit. He had some fire crackers in the house, and lighted one, and dropped it down by the side of the wood thief. When it exploded he thought he had been shot, and he left behind his hat and the cart that he was going to haul the wood away on. If Mr. Fris will exploit his invention of the bulletless sixshooters he will reduce the death rate in El Paso.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Tearing Down Old Building.

Work has commenced of demolition of the old Fregoso building, on Morley avenue, occupied so many years by Theo. Gebler, the pioneer hardware dealer of Nogales. At a recent sale in the probate court the estate of Doctor J. M. Fregoso, deceased, sold the property to Mr. Alex. Carpena, who will rebuild, on the new line of Morley avenue, and occupy the premises with his clothing and furnishing goods store.